GARDEN CLUB MEETING

There will be an important meeting of the Appomattox Garden Club at the school library on Friday at 3:30 P. M. New members will be enrolled.

The DEBUNKER
By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.

The Hebrew Bible does not mention a whale in connection with Jonah. It only speaks of "a great fish." Some English versions of the Bible have translated this as "a whale" (Matt., 12:40). In the French Bible, and in many others, the original meaning is preserved. A whale is not a fish; it is a water mammal which breathes with lungs and nurses its young.
(Public Ledger—WNU Service.)

GABBY GERTIE

"When a secret is preserved it spreads too easily."

Appomattox Personals

The Ruritan Club met on Tuesday night.

Mrs. H. P. Davis is visiting in Richmond.

Joel W. Flood spent several days last week in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Abbitt Jr. spent Sunday in Altavista.

Col. and Mrs Joel Flood spent the week-end in Richmond.

Miss Elizabeth Crelle, of Lynchburg, spent several days this week at her home here.

L. E. Morris, of Richmond, was home for the week-end. Mrs. Morris, who has been ill, is much improved.

Misses Ruth Bingham and Maxine Gleen, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end at their homes here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Austin, twin girls, Ruth Lillian and Rachel Ellen, Friday, December 1.

Mrs. W. H. Miller, who has been visiting in the home of her brother, George F. Langran, Sr., will leave tomorrow for Bartlesville, Okla.

Guests of Mrs. W. T. Stelle Sr. over the week-end were: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Steele, Jr., of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Steele and family, of Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cale, Miss Hilda Wagers and Cadet George Cale motored to Staunton Saturday to see the Staunton M. A. and Fork Union football game.

Mrs. M. G. Willis spent today with Misses Anna and Nina Jones after a week's visit to her aunt, Mrs. H. E. Jones in Roanoke, and will return to Fredericksburg.

Miss Doris Lucado returned to Richmond Sunday after spending a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lucado. Dinner guests in this home Friday evening were Miss Edith Lucado and Jack Overstreet, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hunter, and Misses Anna and Nina Jones attended the funeral and burial services in Roanoke Tuesday afternoon, of Mrs. Frank Coffman, widow of the late Dr. Frank Coffman and sister-in-law of the late Dr. H. E. Jones. She had been in declining health for sometime, but was taken critically ill Monday, November 27.

Next Year's Yule Cards Already Being Designed

Workers on Christmas cards carry on steadily all through the year. The artists who draw them have already produced their designs for the 1940-41 season, and as soon as the holidays are over the printer will begin work on those cards. One big firm in England has 500 men and women employed in the production of these cards, sometimes with calendars added.

Tree Plantings Provide Low-Cost Windbreaks

The entire cost to the federal government field windbreaks in the Prairie States Forestry project is being kept to about 5¾ cents a tree or shrub, the forest service reports. More than 42,000,000 trees in 4,500 miles of windbreaks have been planted at an average of a tree a minute in the planting season. This cost includes investments in and depreciation of equipment, seed collection, rodent control, and planting and care of about 70,000,000 seedlings and transplants now growing in nursery beds.

The government supplies the trees, labor, and supervision, and farmers invest an equal amount by furnishing the land, fencing material, and labor in preparing the land and cultivating the young trees during the first few years of growth.

Cost of the prairie tree planting work is carried by WPA funds and all labor is furnished from WPA relief rolls. Technical and administrative supervision is by the forest service.

The trees protect crops and soils for 20 times their height and modify the wind to some extent for a distance of 50 times the height of the trees.

The 1939 plantings brought the total since 1935 to more than 127,000,000 trees in over 11,000 miles of field windbreaks on 20,000 farms in eastern counties of the Dakotas, central and western Nebraska, central Kansas and Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle.

Workers in Steel Mills Speak Own 'Language'

"The keeper says to turn the water off at the jumbo and open up that bleeder," suggests the kind of order that might be heard around the elephant run of a zoo, but actually it is the language of a steel mill.

Translated into everyday English by the American Iron and Steel Institute, the order means "The man in charge of this blast furnace says to shut off the cooling system at the spout through which the molten slag runs, and open up that valve to relieve the pressure within the furnace."

The colorful lingo of steel workers assigns special meanings to many common words, producing phrases unintelligible to most visitors to steel mills. Many of the devices and products of the industry are named after animals.

"Pig" iron, so called because at one time iron was cast into individual blocks by running the molten metal from the blast furnace into large trenches from which extended, like a litter of suckling pigs, dozens of smaller trenches, has become a generally used term for blast furnace iron. A "sow" is the main trench from the furnace, while "motherless pigs" are blocks of iron cast into individual molds.

"Bears" are sometimes "horses" in the steel industry, both terms being applied to the infusible mass of cinder which forms on the blast furnace hearth. The "bug" or "fly" is the small ball of steel which usually forms on the nozzle of a ladle, interfering with the pouring of a stream of molten steel.

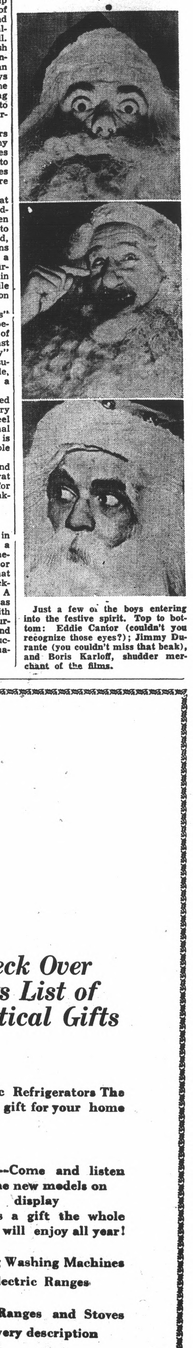
"Goose eggs," sometimes called "snow flakes," are small silvery spots visible when bars of alloy steel are broken. They indicate internal straining and tears. A "cat's eye" is a bubble of gas in molten ductile steel.

"Monkeys," both long-tailed and short-tailed, "snakes" and "rat rails" are other queer names for various devices used in steelmaking.

Chalk Loses Screech

Remember when the bad boys in school used to give the teacher a nervous shock by producing a spine-shriveling screech with fingernail or chalk on the blackboard? That noise is going the way of the hickory switch as a forgotten horror. A new type of blackboard known as optex, made of glass reinforced with wire, has a velvet-like writing surface which eliminates wear and tear on nerves in addition to reducing eye-strain through the elimination of mirror-like reflections.

No, This Isn't Santa, Kiddies



Just a few of the boys entering into the festive spirit. Top to bottom: Eddie Cantor (couldn't you recognize those eyes?); Jimmy Durante (you couldn't miss that beak), and Boris Karloff, shudder merchant of the films.

Think of Children, Not Only Yourself, When Buying Toys

Don't buy the toy just because it pleases your fancy. Keep the child in mind, too. Miniature dogs with wagging tails are fascinating to parents but they won't keep the child happy very long. Miss Elisabeth Irwin, who is principal of New York's Little Red School House, says large blocks, tool chests or hand-manipulated derricks make much better gifts.

Keeping in mind the child's age and taste, durability of the toy and a few well-chosen scientific principles, she offers these rules to you who are Santa Clauses this Christmas:

1. Choose toys which stimulate the child's imagination, rather than

This new Arabian pony, which scoots along as the rider bounces up and down, is a sample of the toy which helps children exercise large muscles.

mechanical toys. Trains that run by hand are an example.

2. Choose toys which help children exercise their large muscles, like large blocks, trapezes, boards to fit over saw horses. Roller skates, sleds, bicycles and other athletic toys are also good.

3. Find toys that don't break easily. If you buy tools, be sure the hammer head won't fly off. Inexpensive miniature automobiles may break down after a few trips around the parlor floor.

4. Buy games of skill, not of chance. Select games involving counting and building.

Trade in Appomattox!

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By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.

Although many poems and songs have been written about "Robin Redbreast," no such color has ever been observed on a robin's breast in North America. The breasts of males are orange or brown, while the females breasts are often a dull gray. There are red-breasted robins in England, and perhaps our early poets were thinking of them.
(Public Ledger—WNU Service.)

My Neighbor SAYS:

Brown all leftover pieces of bread in the oven and crush with a rolling pin. Keep in a glass jar until needed.

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Water azaleas by immersing pot in a pail of water and allow water to soak through soil for one-half hour.

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Before frying potatoes dust in flour. They will then brown better and the taste will be much improved.

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Chipped polychrome frames may easily be repaired with sealing wax, which comes in all shades. Spread wax while hot and mold into shape.

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When cleaning papered walls make a pad of cheesecloth and rub paper over lightly. You will be surprised to see how clean the paper will look.

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When the children play in the snow pull a pair of heavy wool socks over their shoes before putting on overshoes. These will keep the underscocks dry.
(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

Roosevelt says U. S. should find way to return Finland's next war debt payment.

City Christmas

Shining down on Chicago's Michigan boulevard, this Christmas tree in lights 21 stories high is formed by office lights in the stately Palmolive building, the effect being crowned by the Lindbergh aerial beacon atop the skyscraper.

Santa's Gifts Censored In S. Africa This Year

They've cramped Santa Claus' style this Christmas in South Africa. Little Jannie may ask for a toy pistol and little Piet may want a box of lead soldiers. But they won't get them.

Toy soldiers, guns and tanks and pistols are now banned by the Union.

The reason: A recent outbreak of violence by young criminals frightened the legislature into barring any toy resembling a weapon, particularly a revolver. Water pistols are barred, and even the little percussion cap pistols are taboo.

Only 13 more shopping days until Christmas! Shop this week-end.

Dewey announces candidacy for Republican presidential nomination.

Local merchants will be glad to handle your country produce.

13 more shopping days before Christmas! Shop early!

European nations have not paid us for what we loaned them in the last war yet!

By the way, they told us that it would be the "last war!"

Evergreen Personals

Evergreen, Dec. 6.- Edward Harvey had the misfortune to injure his back Saturday. He was in the top of a big tobacco barn taking down tobacco and the tier pole broke, landing him several feet below on other poles. His injury was very painful.

Baby boy. Mrs. Gibson is the former the proud parents of a 9½ lb pound baby boy. Mrs. Gibson is the farmer Miss Carrie Warriner.

A. J. Harvey is visiting his sister Mrs. Ann Dearham, who is ninety-odd years young.

Bob Harvey is sick with pleurisy.

Godfrey Austin and Fermit Paulette were visitors near Pincastle, Va., Sunday.

Joe Paulette, of Lynchburg, visited home people over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baker visited the former's sister, Mrs. C. I. Harvey, who has been operated upon in Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Craile were in Lynchburg Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam White and Peggy, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

L. E. Carrico, who has been indisposed for several weeks, does not improve very rapidly.

People in this community answered the Red Cross roll call very readily and our quota was reached in due time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Fitzgerald, Jr., and Mrs. F. E. Fitzerald, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Smith Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDarmon were also visitors in this home.

E. W. Farrar spent some time with home people last week.

Geoffrey Austin and Miss Frances Haymaker, of Eagle Rock, Va., were united in marriage Monday, December 4th.

A. S. Garrette and Leroy Garrette, of Richmond, visited relatives here last week.

S. M. Clanton and sons, Billy and Richard, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Paulette.

W. C. Butcher, of Richmond, spent Thanksgiving with S. R. Paulette.

There seems to be right much wiring to be done yet ere the patrons of the REA line can enjoy the benefits of electricity. The current has not been turned on at this writing.

Quite a few homes in Evergreen are served by the Virginia Public Service lines, but many others by the REA line.

Gregg Ferring, of Charlotte, N. C. visited W. W. Farrar Friday and Saturday.

While in the county, Mr. Ferring, who was driving a '36 model coupe,

NEW CHAPEAU

With a sable-dyed kolinsky coat, this model wears a black tucked crepe hat with a tapered crown, narrow rolled down brim and a chiffon wimple.

Music Class Honor Roll

Miss Kate Franklin has announced the following honor roll for her music classes: Gwedolyn Paulette, Mary Frances Covington, Frances Harvey, Walton Jamerson, Dick Wingfield, Joyce Wingfield, Mary Lucy Marshall, Peggy Moses, Elizabeth Jamerson Helen Paulette, Dorothy Ould, Harriet Cale.

Give a subscription to the county paper as a Christmas present!

Tobacco growers are pleased with prices received thus far.

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treated himself to a new car through a local dealer.

You may call it luck, or you may call it perseverance, but for more than 50 years the writer vainly sought for a 4-leaf clover. Remembering the legend of King Bruce of Scotland and the Spider, he continued the search, until, just the other day "lady luck" smiled upon him, and his perseverance was rewarded with three 4-leaf clovers. And where do you suppose he found them? On the road-side, where he had passed them almost every day as he went to his church or for his mail.

This happened not so many days since, and the good things have just fallen over one another coming my way. Some of you may recall an item in Father Christian's Column last summer that a correspondent had presented "Mother Brightleaf" with a bouquet of flowers. There seems to have been a spark of resentment in the breast of the abovementioned correspondent ever since, and he has ever sought an opportunity to "get even." The sequel, just the other day "Mother Brightleaf" told the offended correspondent that she would, in the near future call for him and drive on a tour of inspection of some of the many places of interest to be found in an afternoon drive. Don't you think Mother Brightleaf shows rare discrimination in the bestowal of her favors?

As an evidence of the upswing in business, the writer noticed while on a stroll along Main Street, Evergreen, Va., large wholesale grocery and feed trucks that actually had to stand in line and wait their turn to unload.

It has been several years since a practicing physician resided in the village of Evergreen. Quite recently I noticed a practitioner who lives in Concord driving through Evergreen. I am assuming the responsibility, on behalf of the local community league, to invite some enterprising physician to locate here. We have good roads to every point of the compass; rents are low, electricity is available, also local and long distance telephone. There are many visitors to Evergreen from States far and near, also from across the broad Atlantic, and they all leave with regret and invariably express a desire to return. Boost Evergreen!

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